

REMARKS

The present Amendment and Response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objections and/or rejections raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 11, 16-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 12-15 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 11 has been voluntarily amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claim 14 on condition that it be rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 14 depends from claim 13 that in turn depends from claim 12 that in turn depends from independent claim 11. Applicants have amended claim 11 to include all the limitations of claims 12, 13, and 14. In view of this amendment, independent claim 11 is now deemed patentable.

Remarks to Claim Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 11-13, 15-18, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Liron (US Patent No. 5,598,532).

Without conceding any correctness of the Examiner's rejections of above claims

under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), Applicants have voluntarily, without prejudice, amended claim 11 to include all the limitations of claims 12, 13, and 14. Applicant asserts that the amendments add no new matter.

Claim 14, which is now amended claim 11, has been allowed by the Examiner.

Claims 16-18 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 11 and include all the distinct elements of claim 11 as well as additional distinctive features and elements. Thus, claims 16-18 are patentable for at least the reasons as described above with regard to claim 11.

Applicant has cancelled claims 12-15 and 20 without prejudice.

In view of above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejections of claims 11 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Liron.

Claim 19 depends directly from amended claim 11 and includes all the distinctive elements of claim 11 as well as additional distinct features and elements. Thus, claim 19 is patentable at least for the reasons as described above with regard to claim 11.


In view of above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejections of claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, if there is any such fee due, please charge any such fee to the deposit account No. 09-0458.

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